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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO HONOR WARREN A. STEPHENS OF ARKANSAS AND TO  
10 SUPPORT HIS NOMINATION AS THE AMBASSADOR TO THE COURT  
11 OF ST. JAMES'S.

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17 AMBASSADOR TO THE COURT OF ST. JAMES'S.

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19 WHEREAS, Warren A. Stephens, a distinguished businessman,  
20 philanthropist, and native of Arkansas, has been nominated by the President  
21 of the United States, Donald J. Trump, to serve as the Ambassador to the  
22 Court of St. James's; and

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24 WHEREAS, Warren A. Stephens demonstrated exemplary leadership as  
25 Chairman, President, and CEO of Stephens Inc., one of the nation's largest  
26 privately held investment banking firms, which has played a significant role  
27 in the economic development of Arkansas and the nation; and

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29 WHEREAS, Warren A. Stephens has been recognized for his outstanding  
30 achievements in business and leadership by being inducted into the Arkansas  
31 Business Hall of Fame, further solidifying his legacy as one of the state's  
32 most influential business leaders; and

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34 WHEREAS, his extensive experience in finance, business, and  
35 international affairs has well prepared him to strengthen diplomatic and  
36 economic ties between the United States and the United Kingdom; and



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WHEREAS, Warren A. Stephens has been a dedicated philanthropist, supporting education, healthcare, the arts, and numerous charitable causes in Arkansas and beyond, reflecting his commitment to public service and the betterment of society; and

WHEREAS, Warren A. Stephens and his wife, Harriet, were instrumental in the founding of Episcopal Collegiate School in Little Rock, where he serves as chair of the Episcopal Collegiate School Foundation, demonstrating his commitment to providing high-quality education for future generations of Arkansans; and

WHEREAS, through Warren A. Stephens' philanthropic support, Episcopal Collegiate School has been able to provide scholarships, enhance its academic programs, and develop state-of-the-art facilities that benefit students and faculty alike; and

WHEREAS, Warren A. Stephens' dedication to education extends beyond Episcopal Collegiate School, as evidenced by his advocacy for economic education through organizations such as Economics Arkansas and his public efforts to promote a deeper understanding of the free enterprise system; and

WHEREAS, Warren A. Stephens has played a pivotal role in the renovation of the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts, serving as chairman of the board and co-chairing its capital campaign alongside his wife, Harriet, ensuring the museum's expansion and long-term success as a cultural cornerstone in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Warren A. Stephens has been instrumental in the restoration and preservation of the historic Capital Hotel in downtown Little Rock, revitalizing an iconic landmark that continues to serve as a hub for business, tourism, and the local community; and

WHEREAS, Warren A. Stephens has maintained strong professional and personal ties to the United Kingdom through his leadership at Stephens Inc., which has expanded its presence in London, demonstrating his commitment to

1 fostering international business and economic relationships; and

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3 WHEREAS, Warren A. Stephens' nomination as the Ambassador to the Court  
4 of St. James's is a testament to his outstanding contributions to both the  
5 business community and the State of Arkansas, as well as his ability to  
6 represent the interests of the United States on the global stage; and

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8 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Leslie Rutledge said of Warren A.  
9 Stephens, "Throughout his career, Warren has championed economic growth, in  
10 Arkansas and beyond, and demonstrated an unwavering commitment to service.  
11 His lifelong dedication to diplomacy, philanthropy, and free enterprise will  
12 undoubtedly serve America well as he fosters the enduring relationship  
13 between the United States and one of our most important allies. I can think  
14 of no one better suited for this prestigious appointment"; and

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16 WHEREAS, Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders said of Warren A. Stephens,  
17 "Warren and his family aren't just great friends; they built an amazing  
18 company driving our economy in Little Rock and across the world, while being  
19 selfless philanthropists in our community. Now as the the Ambassador to the  
20 Court of St. James's, Warren will serve our country just like he has served  
21 Arkansas and further strengthen the Special Relationship between the United  
22 States and United Kingdom"; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Senate recognizes and commends Warren A. Stephens for this  
25 prestigious appointment and expresses confidence that he will serve with  
26 distinction and integrity,

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28 NOW THEREFORE,

29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
30 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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32 THAT the Senate honor Warren A. Stephens for his nomination as  
33 Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, commend his remarkable achievements,  
34 and express its best wishes for his success in this important diplomatic  
35 role.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate support the nomination of Warren A.  
2 Stephens as the Ambassador to the Court of St. James's and urge his swift  
3 confirmation to advance the enduring partnership between the United States  
4 and the United Kingdom.

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be  
7 transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the President of the United  
8 States, members of the United States Senate, and relevant government agencies  
9 urging them to support this nomination.

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